



# BEVERLY

## Essex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Founded in 1626, the City of Beverly is one of the oldest communities in the state. Residents describe their city as the birthplace of the United States Navy, noting that the first ship commissioned by the Navy first sailed from Beverly Harbor. Although the city was the location of the first cotton mill and the first Sunday school in the country, and has one of its neighborhoods, the Fish Flake District, on the National Register of Historic sites, it is the present and future rather than the past which engross the energies of the community.

Beverly residents have watched an interesting shift over the past 50 years, as the city changed from an industrial site with huge manufacturers like the United Shoe Machine Corporation, to a bedroom community that is 85% residential and emphasizes its academic and cultural facilities more than the industrial parks that house mixed computer and other high technology firms. The city is the home of private Endicott College and a campus of the public North Shore Community College as well as the site of the North Shore Music Theatre which brings in hordes of visitors to glittering Broadway-type productions. Intact in Beverly is the spacious echo of the past since the city is still the home of some of the most historic families in America on gracious estates in the northern portion of the community. Residents note the first-rate hospital, the miles of beautiful beach, and the diverse sections of the community that offer everything from rural to urban lifestyles in saying that the city offers everything that anyone could want in a home town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Danvers on the west, Wenham on the north and east, Wenham and Manchester on the east, and Beverly Harbor and the Danvers River on the south. Beverly is 7 miles north of Lynn; 18 miles north of Boston; 88 miles south of Portland, Maine; and 238 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 22.75 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 15.44 sq. miles

**Population:** 38,195

**Density:** 2,474 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marblehead North, Salem

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 921-6000

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Mayor-Council

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1668

As a city: 1894

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	23,575		
Democrats	6,334	26.9	%
Republicans	3,590	15.2	%
Other parties	9	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	13,642	57.9	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Beverly city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	39,862	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	39,862	100.0
Male.....	18,851	47.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	720	1.8
Female.....	21,011	52.7	Mexican.....	93	0.2
Under 5 years.....	2,504	6.3	Puerto Rican.....	178	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	2,465	6.2	Cuban.....	16	-
10 to 14 years.....	2,367	5.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	433	1.1
15 to 19 years.....	2,508	6.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	39,142	98.2
20 to 24 years.....	2,397	6.0	White alone.....	37,781	94.8
25 to 34 years.....	5,434	13.6	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	6,875	17.2	Total population.....	39,862	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	5,779	14.5	In households.....	37,692	94.6
55 to 59 years.....	1,896	4.8	Householder.....	15,750	39.5
60 to 64 years.....	1,407	3.5	Spouse.....	7,890	19.8
65 to 74 years.....	2,867	7.2	Child.....	10,729	26.9
75 to 84 years.....	2,314	5.8	Own child under 18 years.....	8,150	20.4
85 years and over.....	1,049	2.6	Other relatives.....	1,401	3.5
Median age (years).....	38.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	371	0.9
18 years and over.....	31,207	78.3	Nonrelatives.....	1,922	4.8
Male.....	14,368	36.0	Unmarried partner.....	709	1.8
Female.....	16,839	42.2	In group quarters.....	2,170	5.4
21 years and over.....	29,450	73.9	Institutionalized population.....	774	1.9
62 years and over.....	7,037	17.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	1,396	3.5
65 years and over.....	6,230	15.6	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	2,327	5.8	Total households.....	15,750	100.0
Female.....	3,903	9.8	Family households (families).....	9,907	62.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	4,538	28.8
One race.....	39,470	99.0	Married-couple family.....	7,890	50.1
White.....	38,257	96.0	With own children under 18 years.....	3,556	22.6
Black or African American.....	413	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,534	9.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	70	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	798	5.1
Asian.....	511	1.3	Nonfamily households.....	5,843	37.1
Asian Indian.....	146	0.4	Householder living alone.....	4,703	29.9
Chinese.....	135	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,793	11.4
Filipino.....	34	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	4,817	30.6
Japanese.....	57	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	4,037	25.6
Korean.....	72	0.2	Average household size.....	2.39	(X)
Vietnamese.....	17	-	Average family size.....	3.02	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	50	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	12	-	Total housing units.....	16,275	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	15,750	96.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	5	-	Vacant housing units.....	525	3.2
Samoa.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	2	-	occasional use.....	125	0.8
Some other race.....	207	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	392	1.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races:</i> <sup>3</sup>			Occupied housing units.....	15,750	100.0
White.....	38,626	96.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	9,457	60.0
Black or African American.....	573	1.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	6,293	40.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	169	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.70	(X)
Asian.....	611	1.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.93	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	22	0.1			
Some other race.....	297	0.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 486

Conventional Federal: 168

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 136

Federal (Section 8): 245



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Beverly is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 128, the circumferential highway around Boston, which passes through the city from east to west. Other important roads include State Routes 22 and 127.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from Beverly Farms (travel time: 42-49 min.; 25 MBTA parking spaces), Prides Crossing (travel time: 40-47 min.; 6 spaces), Montserrat (travel time 35-41 min.; 101 spaces), North Beverly (travel time: 42-44 min.; 82 spaces), and Beverly Depot (travel time 30-37 min.; 200 spaces). Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

### Bus

Beverly is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which provides fixed route bus service to North Beverly and Salem Depot. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

### Other

Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, has three asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. Beverly Harbor has a controlling depth of 18.5 feet at mean low water. The Harbor is used for both recreational and commercial fishing purposes and had the third highest lobster catch in Massachusetts in 1992.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Beverly Historical Society & Museum

117 Cabot Street

(978) 922-1186

The Trustees of Reservations

572 Essex Street

(978) 921-1944

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Beverly Hospital, Inc.

### Long Term Care

Blueberry Hill Healthcare Nursing Home

Greenery Extended Care Center

Ledgewood Rehab. And SNC

Mediplex Of Beverly Altcf

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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